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## **YOUTH AND TEEN ACTIVITIES AT THE GLENDALÉ MAIN LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER**

**Glendale, Ariz.** —The following free activities for youth and teens will be held in September at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or click the “Library Events” link at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month**

Studies show that children learn best when they have the opportunity to pursue their own interests. That’s why a library card is the most important school supply of all. Glendale Public Libraries provide students with access to innovative programs, classes and education resources to support their curiosity. Best of all, it won’t cost you a thing – it’s free for Glendale residents with a library card. Open the door to a world of possibilities for the student in your life and sign up for a library card today. Stop by one of Glendale’s three libraries, call 623-930-3530 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

#### **Wee Readers – Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24**

A storytime designed especially for toddlers 18-36 months and their caregivers that incorporates songs, fingerplays and stories. Held from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Storytime Express – Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24**

This storytime program is for preschoolers ages three to six and their caregivers. The program, held 10:45-11:15 a.m., incorporates songs, fingerplays, stories and a short, story-based movie. All children are welcome, but an adult must accompany those under five.

#### **A-B-C Storytime – Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24**

A child and parent/caregiver program for children from birth to five years. From 6:30-7 p.m., listen to stories, sing songs and engage in guided play with your child to enhance early literacy skills.

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## **MAIN LIBRARY SEPTEMBER**

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### **Smart Start – Thursdays, 5, 12, 19 and 26**

Caregivers and children are invited to grow together during this fun, interactive time for children from birth to age 3. The program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. includes songs, stories, activities and early literacy tips.

### **Midday Movie Madness – Wednesday, Sept. 4**

Come watch “Wreck-It Ralph” (Rated PG) with us from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring snacks, a stuffed animal and/or a pillow.

### **Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Sept. 5**

Interested in socialization, creative play and stimulating brain development for your little one? Join Ms. Gabby, a family educator for Benevilla Family Resource Center, to learn why and how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Guaranteed fun for parents and children ages 1 to 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.

### **Paws to Read – Saturday, Sept. 7**

Wizardo is a great dog who loves books! He would love to have you read to him. This program is for readers ages 5-18. Sign up for a 15-minute session between 3 and 4 p.m. by calling 623-930-3537.

### **Crafty Kids – Wednesday, Sept. 18**

Join us for a hands-on arts and crafts experience from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 5-12 can make Paper Plate Critters. They pick from a pig, whale or horse. Crafty Kids is first come, first served, so check in at the Youth Desk. Younger children may attend with a parent.

### **Toe-Tapping Thursday – Thursday, Sept. 19**

Sing, clap and dance in this movement and music program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. This fun-filled program is perfect for active 2-6 year-olds and their parents/caregivers. First come, first served.

### **STEM @ Your Library**

STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The following programs were supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

#### **Messy Mixtures: Slime, Oobleck and More! – Wednesday, Sept. 11**

Children ages 7-12 can learn about viscosity and non-Newtonian fluids like oobleck, silly putty and quicksand in this hands-on workshop held from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required; to register, call 623-930-3537, stop by the youth reference desk or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

#### **Tiny Builders – Tuesday, Sept. 24**

Little Hands can make big things. Join us for this activity-based story and building program at 10:30 a.m. Tiny Builders is aimed at ages 3-6, but littler builders can join in with a parent’s help. The program is first come, first served. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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## MAIN LIBRARY SEPTEMBER

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### **LEGO Mania – Wednesday, Sept. 25**

Kids ages 5-12 can build LEGO masterpieces from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with Legos! Create with friends while learning about exciting STEM-related themes like symmetry, motion, and friction. This month will feature “Building with Overlapping Walls.” Registration is required and begins two weeks before the scheduled program. Register by calling 623-930-3537, at the youth reference desk or online.

## **TEEN ACTIVITIES**

### **Kearsten’s Book Club – Monday, Sept. 23**

Join other teens, ages 12-18, on the fourth Monday of every month to snack, chat and discuss a variety of titles for teens (or of teen interest). You do have to read to attend, so call ahead to register and reserve a copy of the book selection. This month’s selection is “Legend” by Marie Lu. For more information or to register, email Kearsten at [59Square@gmail.com](mailto:59Square@gmail.com).

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